Role of public and private sector In power sector

2319. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the role of public and private sector envisaged and the quantum of funds allocated to meet power requirements in the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): Central Electricity Authority has estimated that an additional capacity of 1,00,000 MW would be required by 2012 to meet the power demand in full. A capacity addition target of 41,110 MW has been envisaged for 10th Plan. The sector-wise capacity addition targets for Tenth Plan are as follows:

(All figures in MW)

	Hydro	Thermal	Nuclear	Overall	% of Total
Central Sector	8742	12790	1300	22832	55.5%
State Sector	4481	6676	0	11157	27.1%
Private Sector	1170	5951	0	7121	17.4%
Overall	14393	25417	1300	41110	—

An outlay of Rs. 270276.35 crore has been allocated for Central Sector comprising of Rs. 177050.64 crore for Central Sector and Rs. 93225.72 crore for State Sector for development of Power infrastructure during the Tenth Plan.

Subansiri Lower Hydro Electric Project

2320. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) why Subansiri Lower Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh/ Assam by National Hydeo-electric Power Corporation is being delayed; and

(b) the steps Government have taken so far to remove the hurdles, if any?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Major

works on the Subansiri Lower Hydro Electric Project (2000 MW) of M/s. National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) in Arunachal Pradesh/ Assam could not be started due to non-availability of formal forest clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The issue of formal forest clearance to the project, which is pending due to non-deposit of Net Present Value (NPV) amounting to Rs.350 crores by NHPC for the forest land involved, which is presently *sub-judice*.

PGCI Proposal to build power transmission line in Afghanistan

2321. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Grid Corporation of India propose to build power transmission line in the war-torn country Afghanistan;

(b) if so, details of the project;

(c) whether it does not involve any security risk; and

(d) if so, the proposed measures to ensure security for its workers?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Govern-ment of Afghanistan had requested Government of India for construction of a transmission line from Pul-E-Khumri to Kabul in Afghanistan for import of power from Uzbekistan. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) has been entrusted with the work of survey and soil investigation for this transmission line.

(c) and (d) The required security arragement will be made by the Afghanistan authorities.

Power subsidy

2322. SHRI EKANATH K THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the power subsidy has become the single largest contributor of fiscal deficit in India;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that this has reduced the